

Harbor Update – June 30, 2011

Phase 1 of the Harbor Rebuild project is complete (administrative details remain):

- The silt curtain was removed.
- The containment and absorbent boom have been moved between the sheet pile and the new docks.
- The crossover between C and D floats will hopefully be removed by July 4 week-end allowing use of the new walk-way between the new float and X-ray as well as the old east gangway.
- The two fingers on Z-float that were damaged during dredging were repaired and reinstalled.
- The floating breakwater was put back in place in early June.
- The new float along the sheet pile, 16 light poles, and the boardwalk was installed in early June.
- The grass has been seeded and grass is starting to emerge.
- The Harbormaster Building has been moved back into place and water and electricity was restored to the building during the first week of June.
- The Harbor parking lot has been returned to us and the Harbor crew has completed about half of the striping. The rest will be completed as weather and crowds permit.

Harbormaster Building Freeze

January 15, 2011, the City of Whittier had an electric power outage. Winds were gusting to approximately 70 MPH, and were steady at about 40 MPH with an ambient temperature of about 5 degrees (wind chill below 0). The electricity was out from about 8pm to midnight (4 hours). When the power came back on, the furnace did not restart. Pipes were frozen and broken throughout the building. Some repairs were completed to the heating system by Whittier Boat Harbor staff; a furnace technician inspected the furnace and found no apparent problems or breaks with it. We used the furnace to heat part of the building about a week to ten days after the freeze.

- The City insurance company assessed the damage to the Harbormaster building caused by the January freeze up.
- The City Manager requested City Council to allow emergency repair of the upstairs offices. The Council approved Mr. Prunella's request.
- The downstairs—public restrooms, showers, and Harbor shop area will not be repaired until later in the summer (estimated: 6-8 weeks).

Other Harbor business:

- The plumbing/heat-run repairs were done on the upstairs June 15 and 16; Harbor staff cleaned the upstairs office and prepared to move from the temporary facility to the Harbormaster Building.
- Yukontel readied the telephone and internet cable for our move; the movers scheduled for the morning of June 24; and the IT techs scheduled for the afternoon of June 24.
- The Harbor Office is up and running—customer entrance is on the east-end of the building up the blue metal stairs.
- A lead parking/ramp attendant was hired in May, and two parking attendants were hired the week of June 20.
- The downstairs: public restrooms, showers, and Harbor shop area are closed for major repairs.
- Harbor staff placed numbers on the new slip fingers—this dock will be named “W”.
- The Parking lot and public restrooms at the Head of Passage Canal are completed and look great. We will be getting appropriate signage for that area.